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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2006, applicant(s) elect the following species, without traverse.

Category A – Species A1

Category B – Species B1

Category C – With respect to claim 8, Applicants respectfully elect a first-order modifier having an amino group as a functional group.

With respect to claim 9, Applicants respectfully elect a first-order modifier having an amino group as a functional group, and a second-order modifier having a carboxyl group as a functional group.

Category D – With respect to claim 10, Applicants elect an ethylene/butylene copolymer as the olefin polymer (B).

With respect to claims 11 and 12, Applicants elect as the rubbery polymer (B), a hydrogenation product of a block copolymer comprised of a homopolymer block of vinyl aromatic monomer units and at least one polymer block selected from the group consisting of a homopolymer block of conjugated diene monomer units and a copolymer block comprised of vinyl aromatic monomer units and conjugated diene monomer units.


The claims which are readable on the elected species are claims 1-4, 6-8 and 10-15.

Respectfully submitted,

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